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1. An oxygen factory existed in Kucove prior to the war, but was destroyed by the Germans when they withdrew. After the war the factory was rebuilt on the same site and the building material used was mainly that of the old factory. The factory has recently been working at full production and has attained its pre-war output. At the end of 1949 the factory had approximately 800 flasks of oxygen.
2. Experiments have been conducted to substitute oxygen and acetylene by methane during boiling, and results have proven that methane provides very good results during the cutting, but not during the boiling, the latter necessitating special instruments. However, the idea is considered to be very good and feasible, and it is felt that tests and experiments in this line should be continued.

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